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1. GIVEN BELOW ARE EMBASSY'S SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT, TOASTS, AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS IN THAT ORDER, FOR SECRETARY KISSINGER'S COMING VISIT.

2. SUGGESTED ARRIVAL STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

IT IS A GREAT PLEASURE TO BE IN ARGENTINA, A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS MAINTAINED CORDIAL RELATIONS SINCE THE ARRIVAL OF JOEL POINSETT AS SPECIAL AGENT IN BUENOS AIRES IN 1810. INDEED, THE UNITED STATES WAS THE FIRST NON LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRY TO RECOGNIZE THE NEW ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

SINCE THOSE EARLY DAYS OF OUR RELATIONSHIP, THE TIES BETWEEN US HAVE GROWN ALONG WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR TWO GREAT COUNTRIES. EVEN WHEN WE HAVE DISAGREED--AND UPON OCCASION WE HAVE DISAGREED, AS EVEN THE CLOSEST OF FRIENDS WILL DO--, WE HAVE SETTLED OUR DIFFERENCES PEACEFULLY AND PUT THEM BEHIND US WITHOUT RANCOR.

IT IS THEREFORE FITTING THAT IN THIS, MY FIRST TRIP CONFIDENTIAL

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TO SOUTH AMERICA AS SECRETARY OF STATE, I SHOULD BEGIN WITH

ARGENTINA. I COME NOT ONLY WITH THE HOPE OF STRENGTHENING THE HISTORIC TIES WHICH BIND OUR TWO COUNTRIES, BUT, BEYOND THAT, WITH THE HOPE THAT TOGETHER WE CAN GIVE RENEWED IMPETUS TO A NEW SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE, A SPIRIT TEMPERED BY REALISM, BUT ENCOURAGED BY A VISION OF THE FUTURE. THIS IS WHAT THE NEW DIALOGUE IS ALL ABOUT. SOME MAY SAY IT IS NOT A NEW IDEA. IN A SENSE, THEY ARE RIGHT. THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP AMONG THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE. SOME HAVE CALLED IT "THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE IDEA." BUT OLD OR NEW, THE IDEA, THE VISION, TAKES ON NEW AND PRESSING SIGNIFICANCE IN THE COMPLEX, STRIFE-RIDDEN, AND YET MORE INTERDEPENDENT WORLD OF TODAY. THE CHALLENGE IS MORE COGENT THAN EVER. CAN THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE PROVIDE AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE WORLD--AN EXAMPLE OF HOW COUNTRIES OF DIVERSE SIZE, CULTURE AND, LET US BE FRANK, INTERESTS, CAN FORGE A MATURE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP EVEN IN THIS COMPLEX WORLD OF 1975? IF WE IN THIS HEMISPHERE CAN DEMONSTRATE THAT WE HAVE THE WILL AND THE CREATIVITY TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. THE HOPES FOR NEW SOLUTIONS BEYOND THE SHORES OF OUR HEMISPHERE WILL BE MUCH ENHANCED.

THE CHALLENGES WE FACE ARE FORMIDABLE AND MANY OF THE PROBLEMS ARE UNIQUE TO OUR ERA. HOWEVER, I, FOR ONE, BELIEVE THAT WE DO HAVE BOTH THE CREATIVITY AND THE WILL TO MEET THE TEST HISTORY HAS IMPOSED UPON US. I BELIEVE YOUR GREAT NATION SHARES THAT OPTIMISM.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE AMONG YOU. I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOUR PRESIDENT AND TO TALKS WITH MY FRIEND THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET. END TEXT.

3. SUGGESTED TOAST AT LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES:

BEGIN TEXT: IN RAISING MY GLASS TO THIS GREAT COUNTRY-OF WHOSE HOSPITALITY AND GENEROSITY I HAVE ALREADY
RECEIVED ABUNDANT PROOF--I DO SO IN THE FULLEST CONVICTION
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THAT ITS HISTORIC PAST, ITS GREAT CULTURE, THE NOBLE ASPIRATIONS OF ITS PEOPLE AND ITS TREMENDOUS ECONOMIC POTENTIAL MAKE IT ONE OF THE BEACONS OF OUR AMERICAN HEMISPHERE. IN OUR EFFORTS TO DEVELOP A NEW DIALOGUE AMONG THE PEOPLES OF AMERICA, ARGENTINA IS QUITE NATURALLY ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT INTERLOCUTORS. I HAVE GREATLY VALUED AND PROFITTED FROM THE SERIES OF DISCUSSIONS I HAVE HAD WITH FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES,

BEGINNING AT THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY IN 1973. DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS, I HAVE NOTED THAT THE WIDTH OF HIS SMILE IS USUALLY IN DIRECT PROPORTION TO THE DEGREE TO WHICH HE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF ME--AS DIPLOMATS OFTEN DO. AND HAVING SAID THAT, I HAVE SOME MISGIVINGS ABOUT OUR TALKS OF THIS AFTERNOON (THIS MORNING), FOR I NOTICE THAT HE IS SMILING EVEN MORE WIDELY THAN USUAL.

PARAPHRASING GENERAL PERON, WE CAN SAY THAT ARGENTINA LIVES NOT ONLY FOR HERSELF BUT FOR AMERICA AND FOR CIVILIZATION. THUS, IN TOASTING THE GREAT ARGENTINE PEOPLE, THE HEALTH OF YOUR PRESIDENT AND OF FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES, I RAISE MY GLASS NOT JUST TO A COUNTRY BUT TO AN IDEAL. I RAISE MY GLASS TO LIBERTY AND RECOGNIZE THAT IT WAS ARGENTINA WHICH BROUGHT LIBERTY TO MANY OF THE OTHER NATIONS OF THIS REGION THROUGH THE EFFORTS OF YOUR ILLUSTRIOUS GENERAL DON JOSE DE SAN MARTIN. IT WAS GENERAL SAN MARTIN WHO TOLD HIS TROOPS DURING THOSE TRYING AND HEROIC DAYS: "WE HAVE NOT COME TO MAKE CONQUESTS BUT TO LIBERATE PEOPLES." SAN MARTIN WAS A LEADER WHO PUT LIBERTY ABOVE OPPRESSION, PAIN AND HUMILIATION, AND WHO PUT THE GOOD OF HIS COUNTRY AND OF THIS NEW WORLD ABOVE SELF. TO ARGENTINA AND TO

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END TEXT.

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4. SUGGESTED TOAST AT LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED BY SECRETARY KISSINGER:

BEGIN TEXT:

THIS IS A GREAT MOMENT FOR US ALL. OUR GUEST OF HONOR TONIGHT, YOUR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND MY GOOD FRIEND, DON ALBERTO J. VIGNES, DOES US PROUD BY HIS PRESENCE HERE IN THE AMERICAN EMBASSY RESIDENCE. AND WE ARE HONORED BY THE PRESENCE OF ALL OUR ARGENTINE GUESTS THIS EVENING (THIS AFTERNOON).

MY MISSION IN SEARCH OF A NEW DIALOGUE AMONG MATURE ASSOCIATES GOES BEYOND THOSE OLD AND TREASURED FLAGS OF UNITY, LIBERTY AND EQUALITY SO IMPORTANT TO THE FOUNDING OF OUR NATIONSM OUR EFFORT IS TO BULWARK THESE GREAT IDEAS FROM A NEW AND DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. THE CHALLENGE IS TO OPEN A NEW PANORAMA OF HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION IN WHICH ECONOMIC AND CREATIVE NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS TRANSCEND ALL FRONTIERS. WHAT IS INVOLVED IS AN ATTEMPT TO UNITE US IN A COMMON EFFORT--COUNTRIES BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, DEVELOPED ECONOMIES AND ECONOMIES STRIVING TOWARDS GREATER DEVELOP-MENT. FOR THERE IS NO POINT IN SAYING THAT THE COUNTRIES OF THIS HEMISPHERE DO NOT DIFFER. THEY DO--IN SIZE, IN POWER, IN ORIGINS, IN INTERESTS AND OFTEN IN OUTLOOKS. I PROPOSE THAT BRAZIL IS AS DIFFERENT FROM ARGENTINA AS THE LATTER IS FROM THE UNITED STATES. AND MEXICO IS DIFFERENT FROM ALL THREE. THE MAJOR CHALLENGE FACING US TODAY DEMANDS NEW WAYS OF COMMUNICATION AND NEW UNDERSTANDINGS IF WE ARE TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS FOR CONFIDENTIAL

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THE GREATER GOOD. PLATITUDES WILL NO LONGER SUFFICE. WE MUST SEARCH FOR NEW AND REALISTIC SOLUTIONS TO OUR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. BUT WE MUST DO SO IN FRIENDSHIP. ONE MUST DEFEND ONE'S INTERESTS AND NEGOTIATING POSITIONS. THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO NEGOTIATE IN GOOD FAITH. NOTHING LASTING AND GOOD CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH CONFRONTATIONS AND STERILE INVECTIVE. LET US HOPE THAT IS NOT THE WAY OF THE FUTURE.

THE NEW DIALOGUE IS, THEN, AS I SEE IT, VERY MUCH
A CHALLENGE TO THE STATESMEN OF THIS HEMISPHERE. AMONG
THEM, THERE IS NONE I HOLD IN HIGHER ESTEEM THAN THE
FOREIGN MINISTER OF ARGENTINA, DON ALBERTO J. VIGNES.
I RAISE MY GLASS TO HIM, AND TO THE GREAT ARGENTINE
REPUBLIC WHICH HE REPRESENTS.

END TEXT.

5. SUGGESTED DEPARTURE STATEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT:

I DEPART ARGENTINA--SAD TO BE LEAVING, FOR IT IS A GREAT AND STIMULATING COUNTRY, BUT WITH A SENSE OF PRIDE IN THE CORDIAL WELCOME I HAVE RECEIVED, AND A SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT FLOWING FROM THE VERY FRANK AND PRODUCTIVE TALKS I HAVE HAD WITH YOUR PRESIDENT. YOUR FOREIGN MINISTER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CABINET.

THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA ARE UNITED IN THEIR ASPIRATIONS AND ANXIETIES. THE FORMS MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT THE SUBSTANCE IS THE SAME. THIS UNION COMPELS US TO DEAL FRANKLY AND ENERGETICALLY, BUT IN FRIENDSHIP, WITH THE PROBLEMS THAT BESET US. I HAVE FELT THE VITALITY AND AUTHENTICITY OF THIS COMMON DESIRE DURING MY STAY HERE. AS I DEPART, I FEEL A NEW CONFIDENCE THAT WE DO INDEED SHARE THE WILL, THE COURAGE AND THE VISION TO MAKE OUR UNION IN DIVERSITY WORK.

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IT HAS BEEN A MEMORABLE VISIT FOR BOTH ME AND MY WIFE. OUR LEAVETAKING IS MADE LESS SAD BY THE FACT THAT WE SHALL SOON RETURN. BUENOS AIRES IS TO BE THE HOST FOR THE NEXT MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS, WHICH I SHALL ATTEND. WE SHALL LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING MORE OF YOUR COUNTRY ON THAT OCCASION.

MY BEST WISHES TO YOU ALL.

END TEXT.

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